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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2004, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Amended) A post protector to be positioned around the base of a vertical post, having a front and a rear portion, for preventing [moving objects such as] material handling equipment from striking the post secured to a support surface and for protecting the post protector itself, and any such moving object, from destruction of one by the other[,] comprising: a barrier adapted to be positioned horizontally around the front and adjacent the rear of the post [adjacent] and spaced away from all sides of the base [support surface] of the post providing a space between said barrier and the post to